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Therefore, Please CANCEL any amendments made to claim 14 in the Amendment After Final dated March 1, 2000, and enter the following amendment instead:

14. (Once Amended) A sales system comprising:

a content medium storing a locked content and an interval period for the locked content;

a center which provides a key to unlock the locked content when a present time falls

within the period; and

a terminal which reads the content medium and, when present time falls within the period, requests the key from the center, and when the key is received, unlocks the locked content and provides a user use of the content.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-referenced application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account Mo. 19-3935.

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